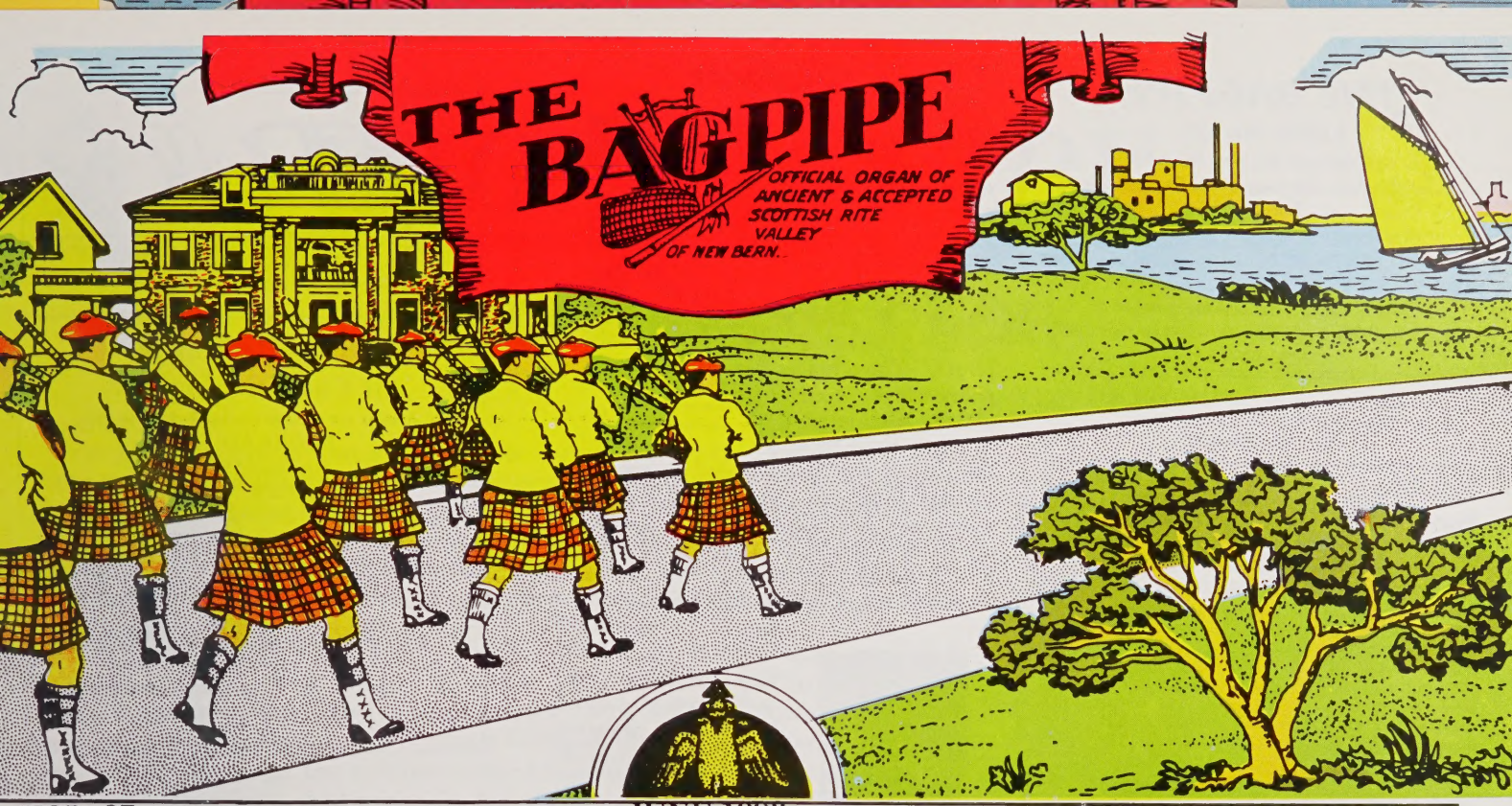

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Milton E. Smith, 32°, KCCH
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New Bern Chapter of Rose Croix No. 5

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REGULAR MEETINGS
New Bern Lodge of Perfection No. 6

Monday, June 14, 1993
8:00 P.M.
—Refreshments—
Election of Officers
New Bern Council of Kadosh No. 4

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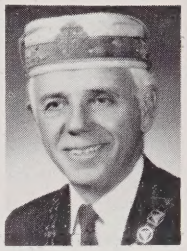

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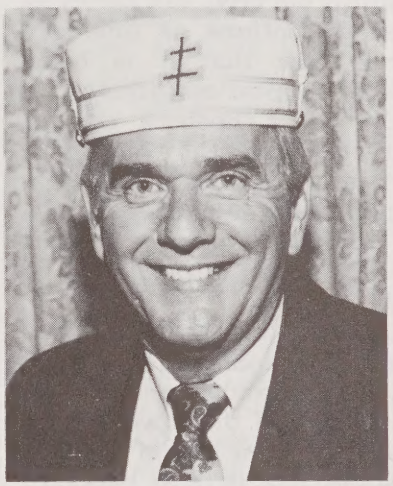
SECRETARY'S PAGE

Brethren:

Our spring reunion honored our late Brother Charlie Potter, 33°, and forty-two Master Masons became Masters of the Royal Secret by receiving the 32°. We welcome them into our fold and encourage them to become active in their local Scottish Rite Clubs, and we invite them to join us for our regular Lodge of Perfection meetings. They along with the entire membership are encouraged to become busy securing candidates for our fall reunion to be held on November 4, 5 and 6.



I would like to thank each of the brethren who contributed their time and talents in making "The Charles T. Potter Memorial Reunion" a success. As is their usual custom, the Craven Chapter OES did a commendable job in preparing and serving delicious meals to the Craft and their ladies. I would also like to thank all the brethren who attended for their cooperation with the reunion security committee in the presentation of their dues cards. I hasten to remind you that at all future reunions, all members will be required to present a current dues card for admittance. We appreciate your continued support in this endeavor.

During the Thursday dinner hour at the spring reunion, Ill. Brother H. Lloyd Wilkerson, 33°, S.G.I.G. in North Carolina and Lt. Grand Comander of the Supreme Council, presented on behalf of the Grand Commander, Ill. Brother Fred Kleinknecht, 33°, a Certificate of Honor to Ill. Brother James W. Brewer, 33° and PGM of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Brother Brewer was honored for his numerous contributions to Freemasonry and especially for his untiring efforts in raising $50,000.00 to place a portrait of the late U.S. Senator and Brother Sam J. Ervin, 33° G.·.C.·., in the House of the Temple's Hall of Honor in Washington, DC. Brother Brewer was also presented a photographic replica of the portrait of Senator Ervin. He, in turn, donated this photograph to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina to be hung in the Grand Lodge Building in Raleigh. The Valley of New Bern joins me in congratulating Brother Brewer in receiving this rare and coveted award. We look forward to his continued service to our great fraternity. Brother Brewer's family and special friends joined us for this happy occasion and delighted in sharing with us as we honored one of Masonry's very best.

On May 1-7 twenty-five of our brethren and ladies traveled to Branson, Missouri in the beautiful Ozark Mountains. This was a memorable occasion as we shared together a time of great fellowship. While in Branson, we were delightfully entertained by John Paul Cody and the Waltzing Waters, Roy Clark, Shoji Tabuchi, and Ray Stevens. Traveling on to St. Louis, we marveled at the construction of the Gateway Arch and then enjoyed the beautiful panoramic view of St. Louis from the top of the Arch. Our bus ride afforded us the opportunity to experience and savor the marvelous handiwork of the Great Architect of the universe through the beauty of nature. We anticipate future trips together and encourage you to join us in these excursions.

The Lodge of Perfection meets again on Monday, June 14 at 8:00 P.M. This will be the last meeting before we dispense with labor for the summer. As is our usual custom, the Lodge of Perfection will not meet during the months of July and August.

I would take this opportunity to extend to each of you and your families best wishes for good health and a happy, fun-filled summer.

Fraternally,

Billy

William L. Kilpatrick, 33°
Secretary

Something Else

Reynold Davenport, 33°

REYNOLD DAVENPORT, 33°

Well, it has finally happened. The final curtain has been rung down upon the faithful old privy. Those who still own them may as well burn them down, or else save the old worm-eaten wood to make picture frames and the like. For the loyal old backyard palace has been struck a fatal blow.

The sturdy old privy can hardly be expected to continue its time-honored role now that it is being stripped of its most essential accessory, the Sears, Roebuck catalog. Oh, sure, cobs are still available in the corn-growing areas, but a corncob is not nearly so glamorous as a Sears, Roebuck catalog. A corncob just doesn't have the same style or class, the pizzazz.

Those too young to understand what is being discussed here must consult their grandparents for enlightenment. And those who prefer the shortened name "Sears" must in this instance bow to those backyard denizens of yore, to whom it always has been and always will be Sears, Roebuck.

The "Good Old Days" of the privy, the hand pump and well, the kerosene lamp, and other such treasured conveniences, are times to which few wish to return, but it is indeed sad to see one of the oldest and most serviceable of these old reliables suffer this final humiliation at the hands of a capricious merchandiser.

...Some months ago, I became possessed of a yearning to aquire a tape of Bob Crosby's rendition of "South Rampart Street Parade." It was indeed a revelation to discover the inordinate number of music store employees who had never heard of either Crosby or the tune. I told one of them that Bob Crosby was Bing Crosby's younger brother; she said, "Who is Bing Crosby?"

At any rate, Ann, my daughter, never daunted by any obstacle, set out to find the tape for me—and she did. She located a tape of a 1939 radio show Bob Crosby did for Camel cigarettes, and my tune was on that tape. I played it for days, every time I got into the car. And I am always pleased to hear the show's announcer—I think his name was George Ryan—enunciate his every word very clearly and distinctly. All the announcers of those days did that, you never had to guess at what was being said.

But not today: Mary Frances and I are often perplexed by the mumblings of today's reporters, announcers, and such. These people are apparently hired for their stage presence, or whatever; it is obvious talent is not a prime consideration in their employment.

A notable exception is Irving R. Levine, a financial correspondent for NBC News. When Irving is speaking, each word comes forth as a separate jewel; it is perfectly pronounced, never slurred, and his voice never trails off into an inaudible distance. We always understand what he says.

Incidentally, Bob Crosby passed away last March, just a few weeks after I aquired my tape. Mr. Levine, I think and hope, will go on forever.

...Television long ago descended to such depths that I now watch little more than news and a few specials. But there remained one radio station in our area, just one, which I enjoyed hearing in the background as I worked, or read, or drove, or whatever. Some weeks ago, though, this station elected to join the ranks of all the others that regularly emit slams and bangs, squawks and gurgles, howls and screeches—a generally tuneless and repugnent array of sounds that are to me inferior to the shriek of a jet engine fifty feet off my starboard bow.

Now thoroughly disgusted with each medium, I thought I might reread my twenty-volume set of Charles Dickens. But given the verbosity of Dickens and given the snail's pace a small stroke imposed upon my reading speed some years ago, this undertaking should totally occupy the years of comprehension remaining in me.

...It was recently announced bald men are more prone to heart attacks than are the hairy types. This is certainly a cheering revelation. We of the receding hairline are quite numerous indeed, and it is a truly devastating blow to offhandedly consign so many of us to the onslaughts of cholesterol and all the other baddies that torment the human mechanism.

Some years ago, it was disclosed that bald men are sexier than those of the furry dome, and I took great comfort in that revelation. But I reckon you have to take the bad with the good.

I wonder just who it is that comes up with all these findings. I hope it isn't the same people that urged us years ago to drink plenty of milk, eat many eggs, and take lots and lots of sun. Boy, were they off base!

...A feature in a recent magazine tips us off as to what to expect in next year's cars. One of the new cars will be a GTS, another an AXV-III, and still another will be an FE. Other car names will be followed by HCD-II, ASC, ECC, EB, GTP, and EE. I note we will still have a GT. But I fail to find some of the old standbys, like LTS, SK, SL, and so on. I reckon the manufacturers take a great deal of pride in coming up with all these letter combinations with which to adorn their products. After all, there are twenty-six letters to work with, so the number of possible combinations is astronomical. As to what good these letters do for the car you buy...well, there may still be worthwhile use for the old privy after all.

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From The Podium

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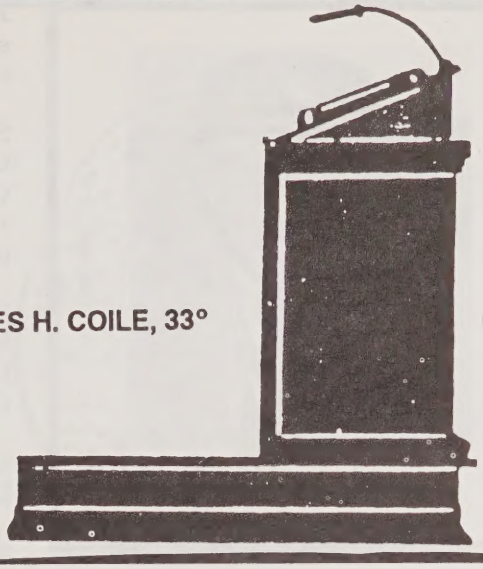

Can a Good Man Survive Evil Assaults?

The question posed in the title of this article is identical to the question "Can good overcome evil?" Even though the question has the appearance of being rhetorical, validity still attaches itself to our wrestling with the ancient concern of all reflective and contemplative individuals and masons. A more vivid expression of the same question is "Can the evil of the world overcome the goodness of God?"

We have seen and are experiencing today the onslaught of wanton destruction of peoples around the world. Starvation, caused by human evil and ineffectiveness, has ravaged the continent of Africa. Slaughter of innocent people has followed the collapse of the former United Soviet Socialist Republic. Continual murder and mayhem from greed for wealth and power troubles the continents of North and South America. Ethnic, racial, religious, and tribal hatred flares up all over the globe and threatens peace and tranquility in almost every country on the face of the globe. Suffering humanity has cause to wonder if evil has not already overcome good.

Masonry believes that this world was created by a loving, beneficent God who seeks good for all of humanity. He created a world and universe out of love, for he is love. He created human beings in his own image because of his love. He continues to love all of his creation; even when that creation seems to go awry and tries to destroy itself. Masonry believes that a loving creator God still is in control of his universe and calls upon his children in this world to refrain from evil intent and deeds and alleviate the wrongs of the world.

It is the great privilege of the Scottish Rite to take hold of the hand of Masons and by drama, lecture, and deed, inspire masons to seek the higher calling of the deity. The Scottish Rite would lead all men to the altar of truth, expresses to all men the tenet that God has created one family of all human beings on the face of the earth, and calls all human beings to live in love and harmony, seeking good for all and not evil. In reminding the mason of the tenets of his profession, the Scottish Rite hopes to inspire the mason and the profane of the world to live out the love of God in seeking good for all humankind.

If every mason lived out the tenets of his profession and every human being listened to the still small voice that seeks to enter into every human heart and mind, the wisdom and love of God would have a new birth within the world, and the bitterness and hatred that leads to war would begin to fade from the annals of history. Murder and mayhem would be found only in the study of history. The attempted destruction of whole tribes and peoples would halt. Love and charity would replace the oppression of God's suffering children and the whole of the human species would sit down together at the table of God's love and provision, and the masonic tenet of fellowship and fraternity (perhaps now only a dream and ideal) would become a reality for the entire world.

Until that time, the Scottish Rite has a great mission to perform. It is the provence of this fraternity to teach the love of a beneficent deity, to inspire toleration for the religious affirmation of others, to remind the world that each individual is different from all others and whole tribes and nations of people are different from their neighbors who live just across the river and sometimes on the same street. The Scottish Rite condones no religious bigotry in whatever form it presents itself. The Scottish Rite accepts no hatred of people by whatever name it calls itself and refuses to recognize any claim to superiority that is based on the degrading or oppressing of any person or group of people. The Scottish Rite seeks to eradicate that special form of evil that seeks to justify itself by the claim that it has a special revelation from God to rid the world of people different from itself.

To that end, the Scottish Rite is a fraternity of education. It teaches its members and the profane that the deity is the deity of love. The Scottish Rite calls upon its members to unite in opposition to evil and remove it by love and education. We seek to lift up the fallen, remove the yoke of the oppressed, provide education in the face of ignorance and evil opinion, and to instill the inspiration of the spirit of God which moved upon the face of the waters in the process of creation, in order that this world in which we live may become like the fellowship of the deity and his children, which we believe is the fabric that holds the fraternity of masonry together.

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The Lighter Side of Fayetteville

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Gus: What's this kleptomania I've been reading about? Is it catching?
Russ: No, it's taking.

Gloria: If you want a date with me, you'll have to wait a million years.
Jack: But I'm the only boy left in town.
Gloria: My, how time flies.

Willis: Did you knit that sweater all by yourself?
Phyllis: Yes, all except the hole you put your head through. That was already there when I started.

Rubbing hair restorer into your scalp very vigorously will give you hairy fingertips.

Athlete: Can you stand on your head?
Second Athlete: Of course not, it's too high.

Mollie: Why are you running?
Ollie: To stop a fight.
Mollie: Who's fighting?
Ollie: Me and another fellow.

What's the best way to drive a baby buggy?
Tickle it's little feet.

Why did Robin Hood only rob the rich?
Because the poor had no money.

If you see ten little tomatoes all in a row, which one is the cowboy?
None, they're all redskins.

What's the longest word in the dictionary?
Smile. There's a mile between the first and last letter.

Which is faster - hot or cold?
Hot's faster; you can catch cold.

What's the best way to keep milk from turning sour?
Leave it inside the cow.

Why does Uncle Sam wear red, white, and blue suspenders?
To hold up his pants.

What has one horn, runs up and down the street, and gives milk?
A milk truck.

How many big men were born in Massachusetts?
None. Only babies were born there.

When is it socially correct to serve milk in a saucer?
When you're feeding the cat.

Pessimist: Someone who's never happy unless he's miserable.

Knock Knock.
Who's there?
Peeper.
Peeper who?
Peeper and salt, that's who.

Motorcycle Cop Puppet: You put your hand into it, and it writes out a speeding ticket.

Net income: The money a fisherman earns.

Unabridged: A river you have to wade across.

Reporter: There's been a murder in the rooming house. A paperhanger hung a border.
Editor: It must have been a put-up job.

At a baseball game, Mary was struck on the head, and a bawl came out of her mouth.

Sailor: Columbus, how do you know the world isn't flat?
Columbus: Because if it was flat, where would I have gotten the money to make the trip?

How can we tell that a dentist is not happy at his work?
Because he always looks down in the mouth.

What did one wall say to the other?
I'll meet you at the corner.

Why did the simpleton football player ask the coach to flood the field?
Because he heard that thousands of fans would be there.

What do you get when you cross a raisin and palm tree?
Grape nuts.

What do you get when you cross a dashshund with a zebra?
Striped sausages.

Farmer: That new man I hired yesterday doesn't know much about farming.
Wife: Why do you say that?
Farmer: He found some milk bottles behind the barn and ran to me shouting he'd found a cow's nest.

New Farm Hand (to old farmer): Your farming methods are terribly old fashioned, I doubt if you'll get ten pounds of apples from that tree.
Old Farmer: I doubt it too, it's a peach tree.

Doctor: Why are you always snapping your fingers?
Patient: To keep the lions away.
Doctor: But there isn't a lion within a hundred miles of here.
Patient: Sure, see how it works.

Patient: Doctor, I want to complain about those iron pills you gave me.
Doctor: What was wrong with them?
Patient: I left them out in the rain and they rusted.

Earl: Did you hear about the wall that's turned to a life of crime?
Pearl: No, what did he do?
Earl: He went around holding up ceilings.

BILLY G. HAIRE, 33°

Down Memory Lane

Due to uncontrolable circumstances we are re-printing the June 1990 Down Memory Lane column of Brother Billy Haire. Hope you will enjoy reading it again!

Brethren, when you read this article our Spring Reunion, called the Walter Kirby Memorial Reunion will be history. It was a memorable reunion enjoyed by all. I'll have more in the next article.

Seventy five years ago, in 1915, very little was happening in the Lodge of Perfection. The Reunion date was April 27, 1915, a one-day reunion as usual in those days. Eighteen candidates were elected to receive the degrees with the 11th, 12th, and 13th Degrees being communicated.

Fifty years ago our records were more complete. Easter was in March of that year. Maundy Thursday was on the 21st and a closed session was had for the ceremony of Extinguishing the Lights. Brother W.F. "Will" Dowdy was Wise Master with sixty-seven members being present. It is interesting to note that dinner was served on Maundy Thursday and breakfast was served on Easter Sunday morning. The Ladies of the Eastern Star provided the meals. It would be even more interesting to get Past Master Meadow's, (who is in charge of the kitchen) reactions if he were asked to prepare an evening meal on Thursday nights! Fifty years ago no breakfast was served at the Scottish Rite Temple. Tickets were available for 72 cents to have breakfast at Williams Cafe. Things have changed, haven't they?

Twenty years ago saw much activity in numerous Scottish Rite Clubs. Things were going strong in the Fayetteville area, and PGM, Robert L. Pugh spoke to the group at Fort Bragg Lodge #667. Brother Godfrey Oakley was awarded the Man of the Year at the Pitt County Club. Perquimans County held their Ladies Night Banquet at the high school cafeteria and the speaker was Brother Dick Lucas, 33°. Havelock-Cherry Point Club heard Brother Charles Potter speak about the upcoming reunion and the Scottish Rite Club in Rocky Mount held their Ladies Night to hear Brother Seth Henderson deliver an inspiring talk. Onslow-LeJeune Ladies Night was on March 18th at the Jacksonville City Hall Auditorium. Brother Reyonld Davenport was Master of Ceremonies. Ocracoke Island Ladies Night heard a wonderful oration delivered by Brother Ed Blair. On and on it goes that year with Scottish Rite Club activities. **A GREAT YEAR!**

The One Hundred Seventy-Eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of N.C. saw Brother Samuel A. Hennis, Jr. elected Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina.

Ten years ago Brother Jesse C. Vail of Jacksonville was elected Venerable Master of Scottish Rite Masons in the Lodge of Perfection #6 and Brother Johnny R. West was elected Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix #5. The Valley of Enfield saw twenty-two members in their class. The Revival Reunion of this year had a class of ninety-six to enjoy the degrees. As I'm running late, better stop now. This thought to leave you with, "It isn't hard to make Mountains out of Mole Hills, just add a little dirt."

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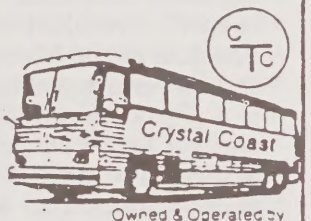

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IN THE LONG RUN...

"so run, that ye may obtain"
(I Cor. 9:24)

by Bill Blair, 33°

Several weeks ago I attended a conference and the presenter asked how many of us had ever met a famous person. I searched my memory and could not recall anyone who would fit that category. Later during some time spent in my "asphalt chapel" I recalled meeting George Sheehan at the Marine Corps Marathon several years ago. Dr. Sheehan is a physician, philospher, and runner; yet he would say to you that he is first a runner who happens to support himself as a physician. His philosophy comes from many hours spent reflecting during his solitary runs.

What prompted me to recall Dr. Sheehan was a conversation a running companion and I had about an upcoming road race. We both realized how our joy was coming more from our daily runs than from clocking a fast time in a race. Dr. Sheehan had traced the evolution of a runner to that stage in one of his articles. It was his conclusion that when you run for the sheer joy of running...when you were no longer concerned about a 'personal best" time in a race...then you had evolved into a true runner. He would say that then you had gone back to that inner child at play who is as one with nature.

Whether I actually have evolved to that state that I run for the sheer joy of running, or whether I still need the stimulus of recognition from others, I am not sure. I am sure each of us needs to evolve to that same state in Scottish Masonry. We should perform our every Masonic function not because of some external reward which might be forthcoming, but because of the internal satisfaction of doing the deed. I have often heard it said that the true test of a man's motivation is whether he would do his good deeds if no one ever knew he did them.

I feel strongly that each of us should strive to attain that point in our Masonic lives. I am sure that statements made concerning what is needed to earn a red cap or a white cap or how to become a KCCH or 33° are well-intended. I would hope, however, that we would reach that point in our Masonic walk that no thought of future honors or awards would be needed to prompt us to fulfill our Masonic vows.

When we face each day in our life's walk looking on that day as an opportunity for service, we have evolved to that ideal state I feel our Perfect Master intended for us. The hymn "Others" may have expressed it best in these lines: "Lord, help me live from day to day in such a self-forgetful way, that even when I kneel to pray, my prayer will be for others."

Scottish Masonry is a great and wonderful fraternity, but more than that, it should be viewed as an avenue for service to our fellowman. Rudyard Kipling wrote:

If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the earth and everything that's in it,
And-which is more-you'll be a Man, my son!

I would like to follow Kipling's lines with this thought and challenge...When you can serve your fellowman without any thought of personal gain or recognition, then you have become a Mason.

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Searching for Light in Today's Troubled World

Greetings my Brothers

I write from our Nation's capital in the beautiful days of spring. This should be a time of great promise—a new President, a renewed spirit of freedom, and a new sense of purpose. But, this world is just not the way we would like it to be.

With the fall of the Berlin Wall and the demise of the Soviet Empire, we felt relieved of a great burden. The western democracies had won the Cold War. Here in America we looked forward with keen anticipation to the dawn of new freedom in Eastern Europe. Instead, we saw unfold the civil war and "ethnic cleansing" of Bosnia-Hercegovina. At the very moment we felt our ideals and goals vindicated, they have been challenged yet again. Where is our new spirit of freedom?

In this great Nation, we have seen our soldiers return victorious against a cruel tyrant of Iraq. We have elected a new President who vows to fix our ailing economy and set the ship of State on course into calmer seas. Instead, new conflict in national government, homosexual rights in the military, and tragedy in Waco, Texas, capture the headlines. Where is our new sense of purpose?

Even in Masonry, we have not escaped this season of zealots. Only this past February have we successfully resolved a legal challenge for Federal Judges to remain Freemasons while sitting on the bench. Now, the Craft is under attack from a reactionary minority of the Southern Baptist convention. They would have it known that Freemasonry is cult religion and a challenge to the Christian faith. Where is the light?

It seems we are living in a Plan B world. But, even under the stress of today's unforseen challenges we can find the light of friendship, morality and brotherly love.

In Bosnia, small groups of Muslims, Croats, and Serbs are calling for peace and brotherhood. They maintain that all can live together in harmony. Their message is the opposite of the headlines. They understand the spirit of freedom. They are keepers of the light.

In the United States, mainstream citizens are becoming increasingly vocal on a broad spectrum of national issues—morality, the economy, and new national purpose. They understand the responsibilities that freedom conveys, not just the rights. They are keepers of the light.

Finally in our Fraternity itself there has been an outpouring support from Masons around the world over the issues of the federal judiciary and the Southern Baptist challenge. More importantly, in the process of responding to these challenges, Masonry has shared more of itself than at anytime in our history. People have come to know our principles, our philanthropies, and our sense of the spirit of freedom. We who have always been keepers of the light, have begun to share that light through friendship, morality, and brotherly love.

Judge Learned Hand offered these profound words on the subject: "The spirit of liberty is the spirit which is not too sure that it is right; the spirit of liberty is the spirit which seeks to understand the minds of other men and women; the spirit of liberty is the spirit which weighs their interests alongside its own without basis;...the spirit of liberty is the spirit of him who, nearly two thousand years ago, taught mankind that lesson it has never learned, but has never quite forgotten—that there may be a kingdom where the least shall be heard and considered side by side with the greatest."

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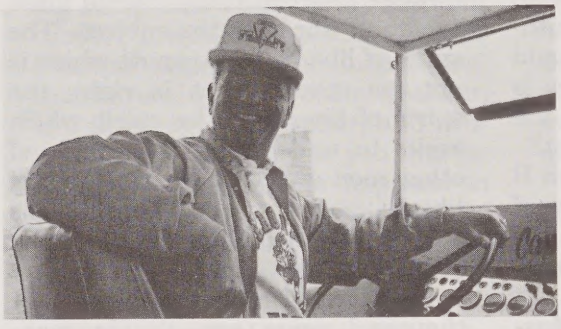


Secretary captains the "duck".

Carrie Lee and Cathy as they return to NC.

Capt. Pugh and Capt. Gay.

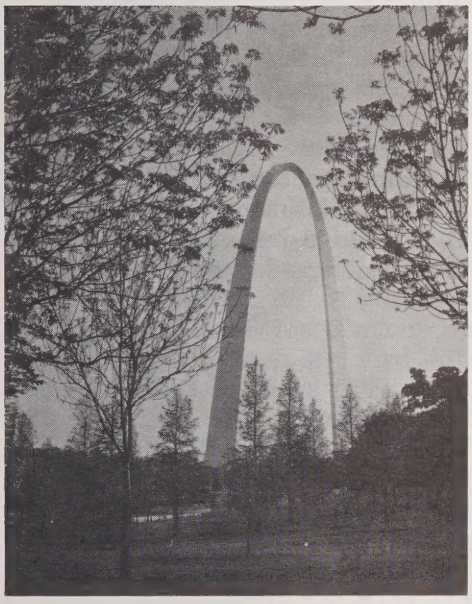
Will the real captain please stand?

Billy, Flo and Janet with Shoji Tabuchi.

Highlights

At the top of the Arch.

The incomparable Ray Stevens.



The Gateway to the west.

Lois stirs the "corn".

Busch Stadium as seen from the Arch.

More at the top of the Arch.

What a gang!!

Declaration Of Principles Of The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
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The Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, S.·.J.·., U.S.A., reaffirms its unswerving loyalty to the United States of America and affirms that the fundamental purpose of Freemasonry is to improve and strengthen the character and education of the individual and, though the individual, the quality of the community, particularly its moral and ethical values.

This purpose can be attained best by a broad basis of principle upon which humankind of every race, color, sex, creed, or religious or ethic group can unite. Such a basis can be set by practicing OUT of the Lodge that which is learned IN the Lodge and by engaging in visible and significant programs of service to the community such as advocating patriotism, drug and alcohol education, youth programs, and a quality public school education as well as supporting all worthy philanthropic causes which are recognized by the United States. To that end, Freemasonry stands for truth and justice, liberty and enlightenment as well as philanthropy, along with public and private service for all human beings. The Supreme Council expects strict observance by its members of the laws of their country and respect for its flag.

Another Rite principle important to the freedom of the American people is the separation of Church and State. This is so because the history of nations has shown that when religion controls government, political freedom dies; and when government controls religion, religious freedom perishes. Therefore, the Supreme Council advocates complete separation of Church and State, absolute freedom and protection of religion, press, assembly, and the dignity of every individual.

The preservation of unity of purpose and devotion to principles held in common is essential to Freemasonry. The Supreme Council, therefore, affirms its continued adherence to that time-honored rule of Freemasonry which forbids the discussion within tyled doors of creeds, politics, business and commercial interests, or other topics apt to excite personal animosities.

It is the strongly held belief of The Supreme Council that brotherly and sisterly love must continue to be the principle mainstay of any Masonic Body or organization. Thus, it believes that it is destructive to the unity and strength of legitimate Masonic Bodies everywhere to deny visitation requests by any individual, regardless of color, creed or religion, who has the proper credentials in hand, that is, a current dues card issued by a particular Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction where visitation is requested, plus a current dues card and patent from a Consistory of a Supreme Council recognized by the Mother Supreme Council of the World.

Something Further In the West

Scottish Rite Masons of northeastern North Carolina recently held their semi-annual reunion at the Masonci Temple in Enfield.

More than a hundred local members and a large number of distinguished guests were in attendance throughout the day of March 24.

The fourth through the eighteenth degrees were conferred on eleven candidates from the area by degree teams from Halifax and surrounding counties.

It was reported that everyone enjoyed the degree work, fellowship and the meals which were served by Enfield Chapter 183, Order of the Eastern Star and supervised by Mary Lou Harris.

An air of enthusiasm prevailed throughout the reunion, due in some part to newly installed officers Brian Lassiter, Master of the Lodge, and Eugene Whichard, Master of the Chapter. These two men, in cooperation with other leaders were working to increase interest and participation among the membership.

A new position has been created, "Director of the Work", which has been effectively filled by Marshall Lassiter.

The results already show in better coordination among the various teams and smoother operation of the whole, especially in the transition from one degree to the next.

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James W. Brewer, 33°, Honored

On Thursday, April 1, during the dinner hour of the spring reunion Brother James W. Brewer, 33°, was honored for the outstanding contributions he has made to Masonry through the years. Brother Brewer was presented on behalf of the Grand Commander, Ill. Brother Fred Kleinknecht, 33°, a Certificate of Honor. The presentation was made by Ill. Brother H. Lloyd Wilkerson, 33°, S.G.I.G. in North Carolina and Lt. Grand Commander of the Supreme Council.

SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

Grifton Scottish Rite Club

Tuesday, January 12, the Grifton Scottish Rite Club came to order at 7:00 p.m. Brother B.R. Jackson returned thanks for the meal. Supper consisted of deer stew, bread and soft drinks and was furnished by Brothers Guy and Oral Lilly. 12 members attended.

Those present were asked to continue to remember Brother Chic Johnson in their prayers.

Some material was read from the January issue of the Scottish Rite Journal by Brother Broadus Moore.

Benediction was given by Brother B.R. Jackson.

B.R. Jackson, Scribe

Lenior County Scottish Rite Club

March 26, 1993

The Lenior Scottish Rite Club held its quarterly meeting with 29 brothers and wives present at Kings Restaurant. President Max Benton welcomed the brothers, wives, and candidates to the meeting.

Bro. W.H. Willis gave the invocation and delicious family style meal was served.

Bro. Tommy Boone introduced the special guests which included Bro. Jim Reed and wife and Bro. Leslie Grant and wife, candidates for the April reunion in New Bern.

Bro. Ray Early, 33°, introduced Bro. Billy Kilpatrick, 33°, who gave and interesting speech on Scottish Rite Masonry including information about the Scottish Rite Bodies for the new candidates and wives. There is no doubt that some of the older brethren and wives benefited from this most informative talk.

This is the first meeting of the Lenior Scottish Rite Club that the wives of the brethren were invited. This was voted on at the last meeting in January 1993 with the brethren paying the entire tab for them and their wives. I believe, along with others in the club that this will help out club with membership as well as being able to observe all the good looking ladies that come to the meeting.

Thank you brethren for voting this in and please ask the other brethren of the Lenior County District to become members so that our club will grow and prosper.

Meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Bro. W.H. Willis.

Signed Bro. Tommy Boone,
Sec.-Trea.

Order of Purple Heart Chapter Established

Down East Chapter 639 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart was officially chartered January 23, 1993.

The organization is the only congressionally-chartered veteran's organization exclusively for veterans wounded in combat who were awarded the Purple Heart by the United States.

Accepting the chapter's charter was Brother Bob Mickleson, 32°, of Newport. The honor of accepting the charter for the chapter was given to Brother Mickleson because of his work in getting the special Purple Heart license plates for North Carolina residents. Brother Mickleson also received as his personal license the plate designated "P.H. 01."

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Contributions in memory of or in honor of friends and loved ones may be received through our office to the North Carolina Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation, Inc. These contributions help to support the programs for the testing and treatment of children with language disorders at Appalachian State University, East Carlina University, and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. The following memorial gifts have been received.

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Orient	32° December 31, 1992	Master Masons 1992		Percentage of Master Masons Who Are Scottish Rite Masons
Alabama	11,037	50,549		21.83
Alaska	1,712	2,245		76.25
Arizona	7,258	13,782		52.66
Arkansas	13,133	35,598		36.89
California	47,507	133,942		35.46
China-Taiwan	910	754		120.68
Colorado	11,737	22,935	(6-30-92)	51.17
Dist. of Columbia	3,754	6,971		53.85
Florida	39,582	71,617	(12-27-91)	55.26
Georgia	18,508	74,124		24.96
Hawaii	1,585	2,600		60.96
Idaho	3,044	7,917		38.44
Iowa	11,635	42,893		27.12
Japan-Korea	1,459	2,914		50.06
Kansas	18,934	50,171		37.73
Kentucky	16,078	75,697		21.23
Louisiana	11,984	33,943	(12-31-91)	35.30
Maryland	9,448	29,823	(12-31-92)	31.68
Minnesota	10,967	30,925		35.46
Mississippi	8,335	34,238		24.34
Missouri	23,843	73,146		32.59
Montana	3,999	11,294		35.40
NATO	1,256	5,500		22.83
Nebraska	7,670	21,853		35.09
Nevada	3,147	6,487		48.51
New Mexico	3,616	9,515	(12-31-90)	38.00
North Carolina	26,516	65,367		40.56
North Dakota	2,098	5,921		35.43
Okinawa-Guam	853			
Oklahoma	21,574	44,257		48.74
Oregon	6,214	20,954	(12-31-91)	29.65
Panama Canal	9588			
Puerto Rico	918	3,800	(12-31-88)	24.15
South Carolina	13,142	63,715		20.62
South Dakota	3,584	9,200		38.95
Tennessee	29,761	79,000		37.67
Texas	64,334	163,746		39.28
Utah	1,522	3,279	(12-31-91)	46.41
Virginia	17,778	56,500		31.46
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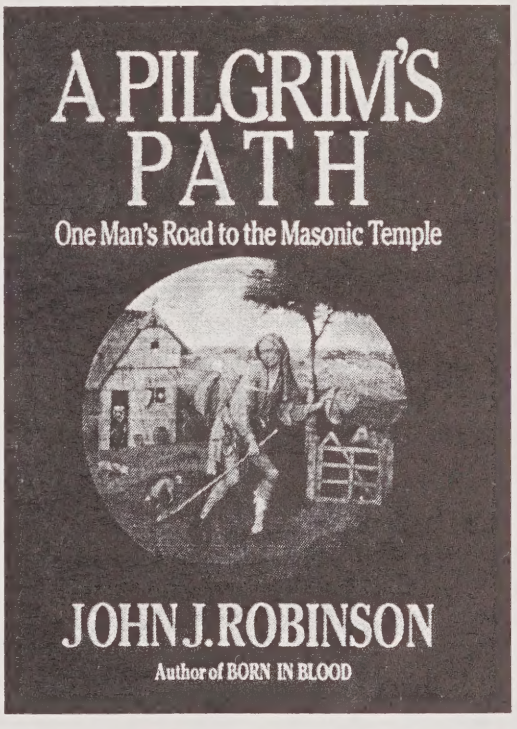

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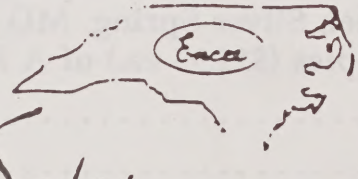

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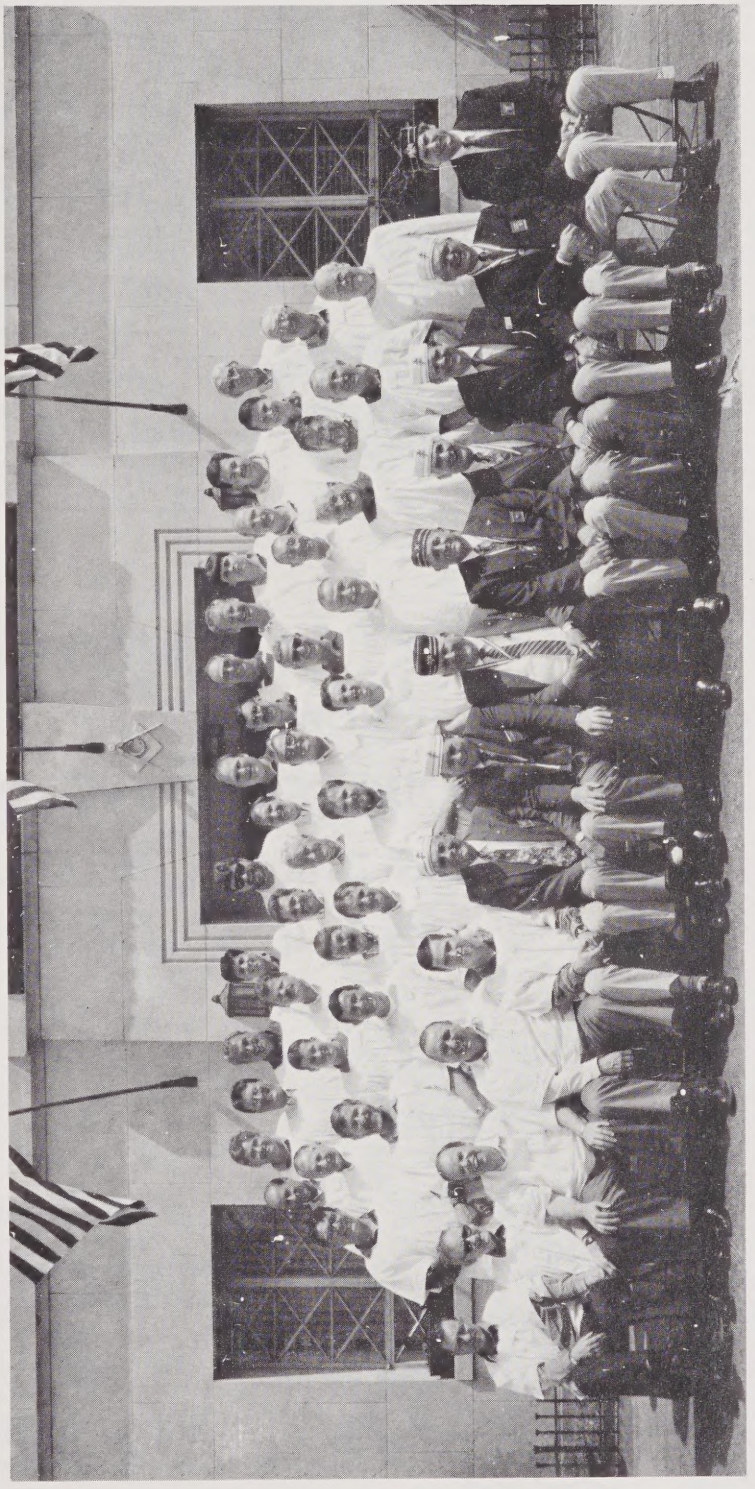

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